

Stamford School Readiness Council
Parent Outreach Committee Meeting
September 13, 2011
12:00-1:00 p.m.
Government Center, Operations Conference Room

MEETING SUMMARY

Attendees

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| Karen Brennan | Stamford Discovery Coordinator, United Way of Western CT |
| Jenny Canepa | Parent |
| Bridget Fox | Chair, Stamford School Readiness Council |
| Deborah List, Co-Chair | Parent |
| Keiah Minott, Co-Chair | Parent |
| Lucas Romero | Children's Choir Director, St. Mary's Church |

Bridget Fox welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the year and reintroduced Deborah List and Keiah Minott as the committee's Co-Chairs. We are fortunate to have so many committed parents interested in working with the committee.

Everyone was in agreement that the June 28 Play and Learn Night at the Ferguson Library was a resounding success! It was agreed that the group would like to do more workshops like this one and that this event would be best if held in late April/early May before school lets out. Ideas to improve this workshop included recruiting teachers from as many of the elementary schools as possible (in order for children to make connections with those they might see or be with the subsequent fall) and possibly finding ways to give more information to parents in a quiet setting.

We discussed a possible calendar of programs for the year to include:

- A speaker on bullying in October (Marji Lipshez-Shapiro, Director of Education at the Anti-Defamation League); Bridget will look into and report back
- The Swingset Mamas benefit concert on November 18 (we discussed the committee helping with the planning of this event; details to follow)
- A technology workshop in the winter (a workshop Lucas would take an active lead in organizing)
- A repeat of the Play and Learn Night in late April/May
- The Early Childhood Fair in late May

The committee is encouraged to think about whom else should be part of our group. Bridget will invite Tricia Behm, one of the Instructional Coordinators from the Stamford Public Schools, to be part of the group.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 11 at Government Center.